



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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June 2000

Out of Town Events

June 2000

- 2-4 Bears in the Woods,
Silverlake, CA.
Bears LA
www.bearsia.org or
(323) 850-8958
- 3 Gay Day at Disneyworld,
Orlando, Fla.
- 23-25 Bearapalooza
Rehoboth Beach, DE
Eastern Shore Bears
[members.aol.com/
eshorbears/intex.html](http://members.aol.com/eshorbears/intex.html)
(302) 541-0798
- 30 BEAR ALL 2000
Atlanta, GA
Southern Bears
June 30th - July 4th
www.southernbears.org

July 2000

- 28-30 Bear Trap VI
Raleigh, NC
Carolina Bear Lodge
www.carolinabears.com

August 2000

- 4-7 Bears in the Keys 6
Key West, Florida
www.BearsInTheKeys.com
- 4-7 FurFest 2000
Fredericton,
New Brunswick, Canada
East Coast Bears
- 18-20 Motown Bear Cruise
Detroit, Michigan
Motor City Bears
www.MotorCityBears.com

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Gay Pride Day

When: Sunday,
June 4th,
Noon – 8:00 pm

Where: Fiesta Gardens
Just east of I-35 on
Town Lake at
Bergman & Chicon

Austin's Gay Pride Day is at Fiesta Gardens on Sunday, June 4th, from 12-8 pm. This annual event on the grassy shores of Town Lake includes live

music and good food. Representatives from most of the local gay and lesbian organizations will be there with information about their groups.

The HOT Bears will be on hand with a tent and table from 12-6 pm. Like last year, we will have our brochures and applications available,

along with pictures of past bear events. Club merchandise will also be on display and for sale.

Gay Pride Day shows the wide diversity we have in the local community. Come on out for some fun and show your support for Pride in Austin.

Bears Day Out And First Saturday Brunch

When: Saturday,
June 3rd,
10:00 am

Where: Hoover's Cooking
2002 Manor Road
(512) 479-5006

Our First Saturday Brunch at Hoovers' has proved to be a popular HOT Bear event. The average turnout in the past few months has been 15-20. Hoover's is glad for our patronage,

having plenty of room for a pack of hungry bears on Saturday mornings.

As no Bears Day Out has been planned, brunchers will have a choice to make amongst the many ongoing events around Central Texas.

One choice is The Bayou Boogie, advertised as Swamp

Rockin' in Waterloo Park with various bands and loads of crawfish.

Further afield, there is the Texas Folklife Festival at the Institute for Texas Cultures in San Antonio. There will be food, music and dance from 40 ethnic groups who have settled in our state.

What's a Bear?

Way back in 1997 Steve Kluth (sek@i1.net) posted a humorous follow-up to a message on the Bears Mailing List entitled, "What's a Bear?". Here is a copy of that posting, printed with permission.

What's a bear? Often a controversy. Never a solution. Why? Because there are many varieties of bears. Below is a description of several bear types found in

nature. And many bears and bear-lovers complain "Where are all the bears in..." Sometimes they are hidden deep in the woods.

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September 2000

15-17 Bearadise
Oklahoma City, OK
Red Earth Bears
www.RedEarthBears.org

October 2000

6-8 OctobearFest 2000
Denver, Colorado
Front Range Bears
www.FrontRangeBears.com

19-23 Bear Bust 2000
Orlando, Florida
Bears of Central Florida
www.bocf.com

For more events, see:
www.resourcesforbears.com/BEARCAL/

June Birthday Bears

- 6/1Egidio L.
- 6/5Richard S.
- 6/6Donald W.
- 6/7Rick B.
- 6/8Freddy R.
- 6/8David S.
- 6/20Thomas B.
- 6/22Walter M.
- 6/22Erich P.
- 6/23Michael H.
- 6/26Steve F.
- 6/26Derek G.

A big Woof to each of you!



Bears Night Out

When: Thursday,
June 29th,
7:00 pm
Where: Pavarotti Italian
Restaurant
3300 W. Anderson
Lane
(512) 420-0700

The June Bears Night Out choice made last month has had a change (sorry, Bud). We had planned to eat at Mama Mia's, but they are shutting down

for awhile so they can move.

Instead, we will meet at Pavarotti Italian Restaurant. Pavarotti is just East of MoPac on Anderson Lane. They are located in the shopping center next to High Fidelity and near Satay.

Pavarotti serves moderately priced Italian dinners, ranging

from \$8-16. They have a private area large enough for 30 bears to congregate and enjoy each others company.

So come and join us on the 29th.



Another Successful Balls Out Bear Blast

Thanks to Rafael and Leif for hosting another great party at Pinus Beach last month. The rain seemed to have kept some people away, but there was still a large group of bears in attendance. There were a number of out-of-

town guests from San Antonio, New Orleans, and Houston.

Lots of food was contributed, and the HOT Bears cooked up a batch of hamburgers and bratwurst for the crowd. Despite the pool being rather cool for on

a cloudy day, several braved the waters to hug up with others. After dark, the bonfires were the gathering places for stories and fun (and a good time was had by all).

Bears at the Movies

When: Tuesday,
June 21th,
Around 7:00 pm
Where: Call TeleBear or
check the web

Movie and Theater to be announce. Check with our TeleBear line

or our web page after June 16th for this months' selection.

While turnout for the Tuesday movie time has been limited, we have seen some good quality movies recently,

including Gladiator.

If you have a movie you want to recommend, email me at lilbear@io.com, or call TeleBear.

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Or even deep in the urban jungle. So, how do you find one? Well, it depends on what type of bear you are looking for. Below are a few helpful, Heloise-style hints to assist you in finding that perfect bear.

Chocolate-loving bear (Ursus cocoaphile) - the chocolate-loving bear is one of the easiest to catch. As you might

guess, this bruin comes charging at the slightest aroma of chocolate. Some of them aren't choosy eaters. Hershey bars and kisses, Hostess cupcakes and M&M's will get this bear eating out of **your** hand. Often found hanging out in malls in front of Mrs. Field's and in resorts at the nearest fudge stand. Others will only

dine on the finest Godiva and Ben and Jerry's. Hard to keep up with, since he will often wander off at the scent of newer chocolate.

Rugged bear (Ursus butchus) - This hard-to-find, but highly desirable bear can usually be found browsing the shelves of Home Depot, AutoZone, and Fleet Farm. Very practical and very

much the homebody. Doesn't get out much, since he's usually busy fixing or improving something around the house. When he does come out on Saturday night, he's often seen quietly lurking alone by a wall wearing his best flannel and jeans. Looks unapproachable, but he smiles easily when you

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Bed & Breakfast
1204 Summit Street
Austin, TX 78741-1158
(512) 445-5304
<http://summit.home.texas.net/>

Chain Drive
504 Willow Street
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 480-9017

May Bear Bust

When: Sunday,
June 11th,
4:00 - 8:00 pm

Where: The Chain Drive



The monthly Bear Bust always falls on the second

Sunday of the month. Come on out to the Chain Drive on June 11th for \$1.00 draft beer. The Chain Drive is also serving food off the patio grill on Sundays.

The HOT Bears will be in attendance, enjoying each others'

company and some A/C on a what is sure to be a hot summer day.

The 50/50 raffle will be ongoing; try your luck at winning some cool cash. Hope to see you there.

June Pool Party And Potluck Dinner

Richard S. and Dave L. have invited the HOT Bears to a Potluck Dinner and Pool Party on Saturday, June 17th.

Rich and Dave have been busy renovating, and are now ready to show off their house in North Austin. The pool is heated, and has plenty of room for a group of bears to cool off on a summer evening.

Please bring your own towel and shorts/

suit. The dinner will be a potluck affair, commencing at 6pm. Dave is coordinating the food (we can't ALL bring potato salad)

Please RSVP to him about your food choice at TexBearCub@aol.com, or call TeleBear.

As there is usually more than enough food at our potlucks, definitely come hungry. Dave and Rich will be providing keg beer; feel free to bring other drink

choices.

This is the first of what we hope to be a string of pool parties for the hot season. Ron and Steve (once they've finished world hopping) will be hosting one in mid-July. An August party is in the works, also.

Watch the Bear Briefs and/or our web page for upcoming events.

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talk to him. Really appreciates gifts from Craftsman or Black and Decker. Quietly romantic. Often mistaken for the—

Fashionably rugged bear (Ursus faux butchus) - A much easier-to-find bear. While often mistaken for ursus butchus, the faux butchus only will be found in Fleet Farm checking out the other bears. When in bars, he often wears flannel and jeans that he's purposely ripped holes in strategic places, which distinguishes him from the true butchus. While some might put down the faux butchus, he often has a heart of gold. Many are very creative and usually find

employment in fields such as hairdressers or art teachers. Few bears know how to make a table centerpiece out of seemingly nothing like the faux butchus. Martha Stewart is rumored to have an entire staff of them.

Leather bear (Ursus sir) - Similar to, but more rare, than the rugged bear. Often spotted in Harley-Davidson shops. May have an entire pelt of durable black cowhide. Likes to play rough and tough, but often the most giving of bears. Unique friendship rituals create friends for life. Often mate for life but many will continue to play with others.

Showtune bear (Ursus musica) - This increasingly common bear is often found in music shops and theater houses. He knows all the words to every big Broadway and Hollywood musical and can name that tune in three notes. Often flamboyant. Some musicas are always talking and will only shut up while the show is on stage. Usually energetic and easy to make friends with. Incurably romantic, they often mate for life. Surprisingly, they often mate with rugged bears. Also known to spontaneously hug anyone, including total strangers. Don't worry though. It's just

his way of greeting people.

Disco bear (Ursus discotheque) - The only bear with a designer wardrobe, this fun-loving bear knows **everyone**. Often shunned by other varieties, this bear doesn't care and will party until dawn. Makes friends easily. Often does not mate with other bears, with many preferring young pups or the occasional otter. Older ones may have some hearing loss. Usually do not mate for life, but some have been known to surprise. Have been known to mutate into another variety of bear after mating.

...(More next month)

June

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| 11 Bear Bust Chain Drive 4-8PM | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Pool Party and Potluck 6pm Check your Briefs for RSVP number or call TeleBear |
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